



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

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OCEANO RESIDENTS SHOULD AGAIN PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL FLOODING

San Luis Obispo, CA – The County of San Luis Obispo Office of Emergency Services is urging Oceano residents in low-lying areas south of Highway 1 along the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee and near the Oceano Lagoon to remain alert and be prepared to evacuate to higher ground should flooding occur during the storm expected Thursday through Sunday.

The integrity of the Arroyo Grande Creek Levee was compromised during the January 2023 storms. County Public Works has permanently repaired the breach caused by that storm, reinforced the levee for 1,000 linear feet along the mobile home parks, and installed temporary repairs to another 1,000 linear feet of levee.

However, heavy rain is predicted similar to the intensities experienced in January and any spillover or levee failure could happen quickly with little time for residents to be alerted. County Public Works teams will remain on call 24 hours a day to monitor weather, stream gauges, and on-site conditions if storms pose any threat to the levee.

“We are predicted to see three to five inches of rain with the potential for four to eight inches from this storm,” said Emergency Services Manager Scott Jalbert, “We urge residents to be prepared for possible flooding due to ground saturation and creek levels.”

If evacuations become necessary, emergency officials will use Wireless Emergency Alerts, broadcasts to local television and radio stations, as well as other notification methods as appropriate such as route alerting, sirens, or the reverse telephone notification system.

For more storm preparation information and locations to obtain sand and sandbags, visit ReadySLO.org. Follow the County of San Luis Obispo Office of Emergency Services on [Twitter @slocountyoes](https://twitter.com/slocountyoes) and [Facebook.com/SLOCountyOES](https://facebook.com/SLOCountyOES). ###